

Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board  
Minutes  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Prairie Resource Center

Meeting called to order 6:10. Present were: Donna Christensen, Deb Lewis, Chad Kelchen, Ruth Nelleson, Pat Reed, Kristi Schaaf, Mike Tinkham, Kevin Szcodronski, Amber O'Neill, Greg VanFosson, Erin Meehan. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. Erin moved to approve them and Chad seconded. Old business included a brief discussion on the Preserve Trail stream bank erosion problem. The State Preserves Board met and decided that for now no action would be taken.

Greg Van Fosson gave an update on the Emerald Ash Borer problem. The state is taking a very proactive role to keep this pest out of Iowa. It is already in Illinois. Out-of-state campers are asked not to transport firewood and local firewood sellers are being educated on the potential harm to ash trees.

Chad reported that since the last board meeting, approximately another mile of all-weather trail has been completed on the east side of the lake.

Naturalist Erin Meehan discussed upcoming events this summer, including a Prairie Rescue Day (4/14), Cache In-Trash Out (4/21), Kids Fishing Derby (5/5), and a Folk Music Festival fundraiser (6/23).

Two trail work days were chosen, April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the park office at 10:00 a.m.

We would like to welcome two new TAB members, Representative Helen Miller and Representative Donovan Olson.

Discussion turned to planning a fall picnic to spotlight Brushy Creek. Guests will include legislators, local mayors, the DNR director, Chamber of Commerce reps, and anyone else involved with the development of Brushy Creek. It will take place September 23, 2007. Further details will be worked out throughout the summer. Two picnic planning meetings are set for May 12<sup>th</sup> around 1 p.m. (after work day) and July 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at Pat Reed's house.

The next Trail Advisory Board meeting will be October 16<sup>th</sup> with a tour at 4 p.m. followed by a meeting at 6 p.m. at the Prairie Resource Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07.